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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please consider the remarks and amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1 and 2 without prejudice; and

Please add claims 3 - 6 to the application.

3. A method of processing calls in a communication network where a caller pays the communication network for some of the calls, the method comprising:

- ✓ receiving a call in the communication network;
- ✓ determining if the caller is required to pay for the call before implementing services for the call;
- if the caller is required to pay for the call, then validating the caller before implementing services for the call; and

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